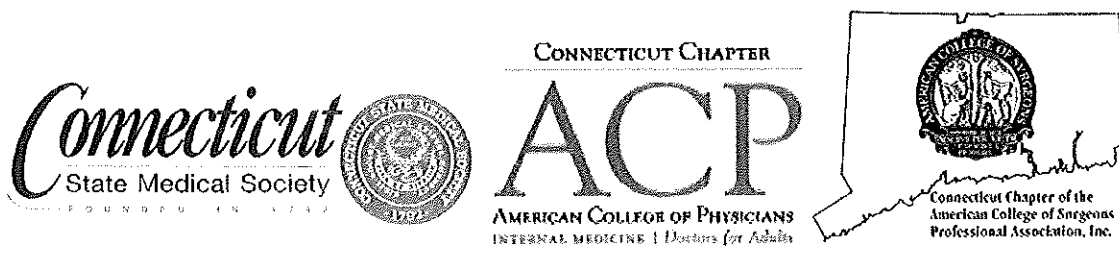


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**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 197 An Act Decreasing The Time Frames for Urgent  
Care Adverse Determination Review Requests  
Insurance and Real Estate Committee  
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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, on behalf of the physicians and physician-in-training members of Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and the Connecticut Chapters of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American College of Surgeons (ACS), thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 197 An Act Decreasing The Time Frames for Urgent Care Adverse Determination Review Requests. The language in this proposed legislation would decrease from seventy-two to twenty-four hours the utilization review period for urgent care reviews, expedited review requests and expedited external review requests when requested services are denied

CSMS strongly supports Senate Bill 197. Any prudent individual would consider waiting three days for a decision in an urgent situation far too long, regardless of the diagnosis, the condition being treated, or the medical treatment prescribed. Add to that seventy-two hour period another seventy-two hours during the pendency of an expedited review, and yet another seventy-two hours should an expedited external appeal be necessary, and a patient could have to wait up to nine days for a decision on coverage for medically necessary care.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony to you today. Please support Senate Bill 197.